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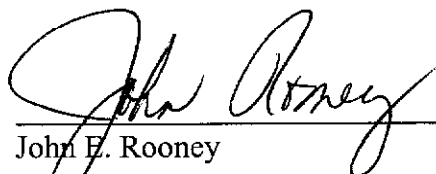
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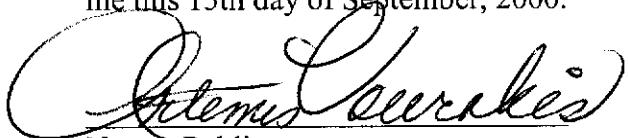
I, John E. Rooney, being first duly sworn, state that I am an attorney for Verizon North Inc. (formerly known as GTE North Incorporated) and Verizon South Inc. (formerly known as GTE South Incorporated), that I am authorized to make this Verification on their behalf, that I have read the foregoing Petition For Leave To Intervene of Verizon North Inc. and Verizon South Inc., that I have knowledge of the facts stated therein, and that the same are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.



John E. Rooney

Attorney for Verizon North Inc. and
Verizon South Inc.

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before
me this 15th day of September, 2000.


Notary Public